

METHODIST PREACHERS

Spend a Full Week as the Guests of the Citizens of Barbourville.

Reception and Banquet Given Thursday Night by
Citizens in Honor of Visiting Ministers
Largely Attended and Enjoyed.

ASSIGNMENT OF PREACHERS BY THE BISHOP.

The Eighty-second session of the Kentucky Conference closed last night and the preachers now return to begin the work of a new year. Some to the same fields in which they have labored for the past year while others go to new fields and meet new faces but all go out with a determination to do the work of the Master.

The session throughout has been one of interest and pleasure to the citizens as well as the ministers, and we believe we but but voice the sentiment of all when we say, we are glad they came among us.

The business sessions have been well attended, and much important work has been done.

Several very able sermons and lectures have been heard during the week, and taking it all and in all the meeting has been one of unusual pleasure to Barbourville.

On last Thursday night the citizens of Barbourville gave to the ministers a reception and banquet at Union College that was a very pleasant affair and greatly enjoyed by all.

At eight o'clock the receiving line was formed in the chapel headed by Dr. J. R. Howes, the District Superintendent of the Lexington district, and Mayor Robt. W. Cole, of this city with a number of the citizens of our city and the young ladies of the College, while the ministers were ushered in and passed down the line to receive the hand of welcome.

After the ministers had been introduced and given the glad hand of welcome the invitation was given to gather about the festive board in the dining room, the ministers taking the lead and

of the Barbourville, bar, and was full of wit and good.

The next speaker was the Rev. J. I. Wean, of Ashland, who responded to the toast "The Conference." He is a splendid orator and made a good impression upon his hearers.

The next speaker was the Rev. George V. Morris, of Lexington, who responded to the toast "The Ministry and Education." He made a pleasing and interesting address.

Judge James D. Black, of the Barbourville bar, was the next speaker, and his subject was "We Need Your Help." He made a strong and forceful address and we hope it had a lasting effect upon the minds of the hearers.

Bishop D. H. Moore, of Cincinnati, was the next speaker, and the subject assigned to him was "Kentucky Methodism and Union College." He made a splendid talk which captivated his hearers with his wit and his logic.

The last speaker was Hon. C. B. Nordeman, of Louisville, whose subject was "Our Duty to Union College." His address was the most witty and amusing of any and he succeeded in driv-

ing home some very important facts while the audience cheered him many times during his remarks.

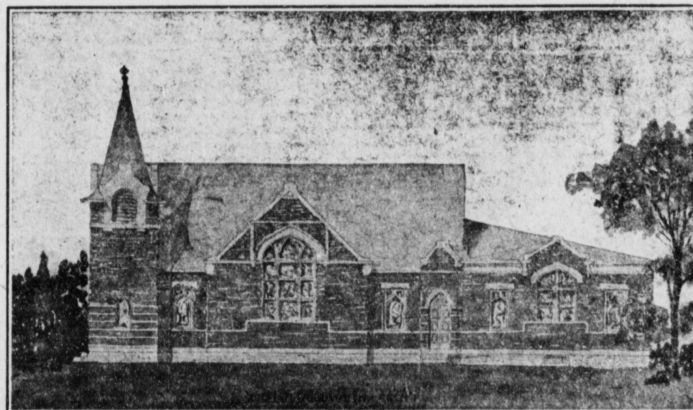
When the Orchestra struck up "Yankee Doodle" everybody including the preachers caught the life of the music and were patting hands to the music which brought forth a round of applause.

The Kentucky conference has been meeting in our State for the past eighty odd years but this was the first time in its history, (so the older members inform us) that they have ever been so royally banquetted as they were by the good people of Barbourville.

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Beware of the Glass.

There's danger in the glass—beware lest it enslave. They who have drained it find, alas! too often early graves. It sparkles to allure, with its rich ruby light; there is no antidote or cure, only its course to fight. It changes men to brutes; makes women bow their heads! fills homes with anguish, wants, disputes, and takes from children bread. Then dash the glass away, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an arrow, and it is wise and well from the serpent to flee and escape contusions and wounds without a cause; but drink pure cold water day by day and walk God's footstool free.



First Methodist Episcopal Church,
Barbourville, Kentucky.

WHERE THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD.

Local Pick Ups.

Bishop Moore made a business trip to Middlesboro Saturday morning.

Rev. Joe Bretz has been visiting home folks and attending Conference.

Rev. C. A. Fellows preached to the school children at the courthouse Friday night.

Some of our citizens were disappointed by their guests failing to come to attend Conference.

There were more than one hundred Methodist ministers in town to attend the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Delia L. Williams delivered a forceful address on Home Missionary work Wednesday afternoon.

The Evangelistic sermon of Rev. G. W. Bunton, on Friday afternoon was enjoyed by a large attendance.

Rev. P. H. Ebright was given the superannuated relation with the conference at the session just closed.

The preachers comment upon the great improvements in Barbourville since they were here four years ago.

The Western Methodist Book Concern, of Cincinnati, had a representative here during the entire session of Conference.

Rev. O. S. Baketel delivered a splendid address Wednesday evening on Sunday Schools that was enjoyed by a large congregation.

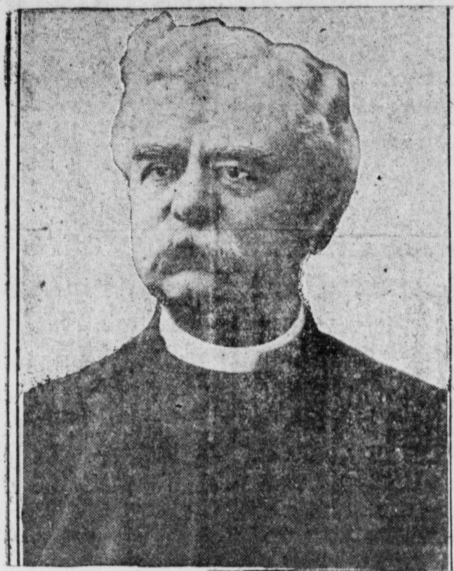
Rev. C. K. Dickey, pastor of the Southern Methodist church of Middlesboro, was in attendance at the Conference here Saturday.

Dr. G. N. Jolly was quite ill during a part of the Conference session and unable to be at his post of duty as the Conference Secretary.

Every one we have talked with thinks they have had the finest fellows in the conference as their guests, the facts are, they are all fine fellows.

Hon. R. T. Miller, of Covington, was unable to attend the Conference this year and his presence was greatly missed by his many friends.

Bishop Moore, almost convinced his large audience Friday night that he was a Kentuckian, by the way he spoke of the Kentucky horses in his address.



Bishop David H. Moore.

David H. Moore, D.D., L.L.D., born, September 4, 1838. Admitted to Ohio Conference, 1860. Spent three years in Civil War. President of Wesleyan Female College 1875-80. Chancellor Denver University 1880-98. Editor Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1890. Elected Bishop, 1900. He presided over the Eighty-second annual session of the Kentucky Conference at Barbourville, Ky., 1908.



Administration Building, UNION COLLEGE,

Where Reception and Banquet was given to Methodist Ministers last Thursday night.

The best equipped College and the cheapest Institution of learning in the State.

Lighted by electricity and heated with steam, making it comfortable and absolutely safe.

Rev. S. F. Kelley established a reputation as a debater.

Mrs. J. G. Ragan was with her husband attending Conference.

Rev. A. F. Feltz brought his wife along with him to Conference this year.

Rev. S. F. Ramey and Dr. J. W. Zimmerman were among the old patriarchs in attendance.

Mrs. G. N. Jolly accompanied her husband and was a regular visitor on the floor of the Conference.

Rev. John Cheap, the blind preacher, was a regular attendant at all the sessions of the Conference.

Quite a number of the preachers paid the Mountain Advocate a call while in the city. They are always welcome visitors.

The invitation was extended by Barbourville to hold the next session of the Conference here. Our people enjoy having the preachers with us.

We all feel the better by having enjoyed the Conference, and hope to have it with us some other time.

SKETCH OF KENTUCKY METHODISM.

THE first Methodist preacher to enter the State of Kentucky was Rev. Francis Clark, a local preacher from Virginia, who settled near where the present city of Danville is now located. This was in the year 1783, one hundred and twenty-five years ago. He was a spiritual man and succeeded in organizing several societies among the settlers.

At this time Kentucky was only a county of Virginia and nine years before she was admitted to statehood in 1792.

The first official appointments for ministers in Kentucky were made in 1786, when James Haw and Benjamin Ogden, both young men, were assigned to the two Kentucky circuits, Lexington and Danville.

Methodism continued to grow with the advancement of civilization in the new States and as early as 1808 the Western Conference was held at Liberty Hill, Tennessee, and the appointments made at that conference covered Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.

In 1816 the Western Conference was divided into three conferences—the Ohio to include Ohio and Kentucky districts; the Missouri, and the Tennessee conferences.

In 1820 the Kentucky conference was created to include the Kentucky, Salt River, Green River and Cumberland Districts, and that part of Virginia included in Greenbrier and Monroe Districts heretofore belonging to the Baltimore Conference.

In May 1844 the separation of the Church was brought about in General Conference, and the Kentucky Conference held at Bowling Green in September of that year, was the last report in regular order recorded in the General Minutes of the Methodist Episcopal Church, until a new Kentucky Conference was organized.

In the Spring of 1865, the first Methodist class was organized in Barbourville, and Rev. Wat Ridgel was the first pastor. During the following year a frame church was erected on the site now occupied by the First Methodist Episcopal Church, which stood until 1906, when it was removed to make room for the new brick church which adorns our town.

We have not been able to obtain an accurate list of the pastors in their order since the church was established here but we give the following list of pastors who have served the Methodist Church here since it was first established in 1865.

After Rev. Ridgel, Rev. John Godbey served as pastor, then Rev. James Gragg, Rev. J. P. Grinstead, Rev. A. S. Rogers, Rev. W. J. Brockway, Rev. S. F. Kelley, Rev. B. F. Whitman, Rev. J. A. Helpenny, Rev. L. P. Hanks, Rev. S. F. Kelley, a second time, Rev. W. G. Bradford, Rev. E. B. Hill, Rev. W. G. Bradford, again, Rev. G. N. Jolly, Rev. T. B. Stratton and Rev. J. D. Hitchcock, the present pastor.

Rev. Ephraim Cole was the first Presiding Elder when this was first known as the Barbourville District. The next Elder to succeed Rev. Cole was Rev. J. P. Grinstead, he was succeeded by Rev. E. L. Shepard, and he by Rev. S. K. Ramey, he by Rev. W. H. Childers, and he by Rev. S. F. Kelley.

The District was then changed to the Lexington District, and Rev. G. N. Jolly, was named as the Presiding Elder. Two years later it was changed to the Middlesboro District and Rev. S. K. Ramey, was re-appointed as the Presiding Elder. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph S. Miller.

The District was then changed back to the Lexington District, and Rev. E. B. Hill was appointed as the Presiding Elder. He was succeeded by Rev. J. R. Howes in 1905, who now holds the position.

The first Conference of the Methodist Church to be held with the church at Barbourville was in the year 1883, before the railroad was built through our city, and Bishop R. S. Foster presided over the conference.

In 1890 the session of the Kentucky Conference was again held in Barbourville, conducted by Bishop W. F. Mallicu.

Again, in 1904, for the third time the conference was held in Barbourville, with Bishop H. W. Warren, as the presiding Bishop.

The ministers were so nicely received and entertained that a fondness grew up between themselves and the citizens of our town who extended a standing invitation to "come again." Taking us at our word they have decided to come again, so in this good year of 1908, we again have the pleasure of entertaining the Kentucky Conference as the guest of Barbourville for the fourth time in twenty-five years.

The new brick church which now affords the Barbourville class such a comfortable and commodious place for worship erected in 1906, and cost \$8,000. This building became a necessity, as Methodism had grown with the town until the old church would no longer accommodate the congregation that assembled every Sunday for worship, as it will be remembered by all who are familiar with Barbourville, that in 1904 the class here was sufficiently strong to be made a

station and Rev. T. B. Stratton came as the new pastor and took charge preaching twice every Sunday. His vigilance and untiring energy is largely responsible for the neat, comfortable church that the Methodists of Barbourville enjoy to-day.

The growth of Methodism in Barbourville has been remarkable. The class organized in 1865 struggled along earnestly and prayerfully although few in numbers, as Rev. S. F. Kelley tells us, there were only 18 in the class when he first came to the circuit in 1880, but now there are approximately 200 members, made up from among the leading citizenship of our city and county.

Union College was established in Barbourville through the influence of Methodism, and while it has suffered heavy loss by fire it is easily the leading institution of learning today in Southeastern Kentucky, and owns property in this city worth at least \$100,000, and is enjoying greater success now than at any period of its history. It is a model school for both, young ladies and young gentlemen, and the pride of every citizen of Barbourville, but, which would never have existed had it not been for the seeds of Methodism sown here in the early days of our little town.

Methodism is growing, not only in Barbourville and in Kentucky, but throughout our land until today it leads all other protestant churches in numbers and has missionaries in all parts of the earth sowing the good seeds which will eventually take the world for the Master.



DR. JOHN D. HITCHCOCK.

Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Barbourville, Ky.

Dr. Hitchcock was assigned to the Barbourville work last year and moved here with his estimable family from Covington, where he had served one year.

He has only been in the Kentucky Conference two years, having come by transfer from the Kansas Conference two years ago.

He is recognized as one among the ablest preachers in the Kentucky Conference, and is an orator second to none in the State.

His first year's work which closed last Sunday night was a remarkably successful one, and the people of Barbourville were unanimous in asking for his return for another year.

During the past year under his leadership the class here has been strengthened and built up more than in any preceding year since the church was organized here in 1865.

It is with delight that the citizen learn that he is to remain another year as he has by his kindness and sociability won the respect and admiration of every one.

We wish for him in the new year upon which he is just starting even greater results than have been enjoyed in the year that has just closed.

We all welcome him and his family for another year in our city and wish for them the very best results that it is possible to attain both in the Church and the social circle, and promise our assistance in making his return a success.



View of Union College Buildings and Grounds.

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On Sunday morning Bishop Moore preached at 11 o'clock at Union College Chapel to a packed house, and at night all the pulpits in town were filled by Methodist ministers.

This morning at 8:30 Conference convened for the closing service of this session and after all the matter had been disposed Last night, after the address of Rev. Coker, on Home Missions and Church Extension, the Bistop read out the assignments for the conference year as follows:

ASHLAND DISTRICT

Ashland District,

J M Ackman, District Supt.

Ashland

First Church..... J I Wean
Second Church..... Amon Boring
Blaine..... G O Wagner
Catlettsburg..... A H Davis
Crum..... H D Coope
East Point..... Clarence A Plummer
Fullerton..... S C Elsea
Grayson..... A A Wilson
Greenup NH Young and J M Literal
Louisa..... Thos, Hanford
Douisa Circuit..... J. A Williams
Olive Hill..... G W Howes
Paintsville..... J. D Walsq
Pikeville..... O G Ragan
Pikeville Circuit..... to be supplied
Richardson..... Cyrus Riffe
Russle..... F T Kelley
Salyersville..... W G Bradford
Salt Lick..... J G Ragan
Tollesboro..... W H Morris
Vanceburg..... E H Edwards
Wallingdford..... W H Muncy

COVINGTON DISTRICT

Covington District.

G. W. Bunton, District, Supt.

Asbury..... H W Bunton

Augusta..... G N Jolly
Bellevue..... A P. Smith
Covington..... to be supplied
Market Street..... Wm. Jones
Shinkles..... Ino. E. Williams
Uniou..... G F Oliver
West..... A F Felts
Dayton..... J G Dover
Foster..... to be supplied
Germantown..... E R Overly
Grant..... to be supplied
Harrison..... Ino. R. Howes
Latonia..... Grant Perkins
Ludlow..... to be supplied
Maysville..... F W Harrop
East Maysville..... W H Davenport
Mt. Olivet..... L R Godby
Newport..... J A Chapman
Sardis..... Bird Hughes

LEXINGTON DISTRICT

T. B. Stratton, District Supt.

Albany..... supplied by J H Bell
Barbourville..... J D Hitchcock
" Ct. supplied by J T Martin
Beattyville, supplied by Ed E Young
Bethel..... Eli Wesley
Booneville..... D W Brown
Burning Spring, sup. by H. Johnson
College Hill..... S M Carrier
Gradyville, sup. by J. F. Williams
Grays..... C T Stump
Harlan.....
Holly Hill, sup. by L F Payne
Kingsville..... J D Haggard
Lexington..... G V Morris
London..... V T Willis
" Ct.....
Middlesboro..... John Cheap
Middleburg..... sup. by W R Hunt
Monica & Breathitt..... R T Moores
Nicholasville..... E B. Hill
Oil Center, sup. by P C. Newell
Pineville..... sup. by J F Hopkins
Rileys, sup. by A S Godbey
Rockcastle.....
Science Hill..... T H. Conrey
Somerset..... E L Shepard
Wayne..... sup. by G W Wright
West Bend..... M M Roundtree
West London..... M G Disney
Williamburg.....
Corbin..... W M Walker
Woodbine, sup. by E N Early

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT

F. L. Creech, District Supt.

Arlington..... James B. Jones

Beaver Dam, sup. by C W Fry
Bowling Green, sup. by Benj Helm
Bowling Green Ct. S B Wardrip
Deer Lick, sup. by John Rich
Dexterville, sup. by W N Wyatt
Earlington, sup. by J H Embry
Gray Hampton.....
Hardinsburg..... Isaiah Cline
Hickory Grove, D F Kerr & J C Orr
Litchfield..... George W Dane
Louisville, Epworth, J W Cantrell
Trinity..... E B Patterson
Wesley..... C A Fellows
Marion circuit, sup. by S J Purcell
Morgantown..... R T Harper
No Creek..... W H Crane
Onton..... J B Perryman
Owensboro & Zion..... N G Grizzle
Paducah..... E T Lewis
Patton Creek, sup. by J W Cantrell
Sacramento..... D P Holtzclaw
Scottsville, sup. by J M Horn
Tompkinsville, sup. by C R Davidson
Vine Grove, sup. by J R Martin
Woodsonville, sup. by H A Barnett
J W Easley, President of Union College.

J P Faulkner, Field Instructor
Berea College.

R T Holland, Assistant Principal
andy. Valley Sminary, left without
appointment to attend school.

A N Perkins, member of Woodbine
Quarterly Conference.

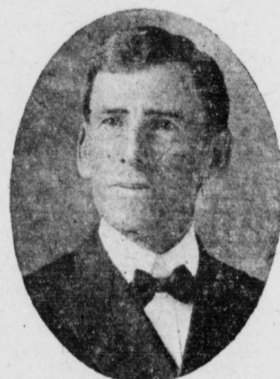
A R Conell and W W Shepherd,
members of Barbourville Quarterly
Conference.

DR. T. B. STRATTON

Appointed District Superintendent to Succeed Dr. J. R. Howes.

The many friends of Dr. T. B. Stratton, in Barbourville, where he labored so earnestly and so faithfully for three years will be glad to learn of his promotion to the position of District Superintendent of the Lexington district.

Dr. Stratton is an earnest and forceful preacher and we are glad to note his promotion and wish for him great success throughout the entire district.



REV. G. N. JOLLY, D.D.
CONFERENCE SECRETARY.

Dr. Howes Retired From District.

It is with a feeling of sorrow that we announce the retirement of Dr. J. R. Howes from the District where he has served so faithfully for the past four years.

He has labored untiringly and unceasingly to build up the church throughout his district and his labors have not been in vain.

Not only do we regret to lose Dr. Howes as our District Superintendent, but we regret to lose him and his estimable family from our town.

His oldest daughter, Miss Grace, has been the mainstay in the Sunday School and the Epworth League, and her services are almost indispensable in the church here, and we fear it will be a difficult task to find some one to take her place.

We bid them God speed in their new home and new work and wish for them unbouded success and and rich reward for their labors.